

NEWS OF THE SPORT WORLD

FLANIGAN GOES AFTER CONTEST WITH ST. PAUL

He Gives Davenport a Chance for Game but Iowans Decide It Is Unwise to Court Defeat.

Nothing to the rumor that Rock Island Independents and Davenport A. C. would clash again on Sunday at the park in Davenport. Manager Flanigan did give Davenport officials a chance to book the game, but they decided that Rock Island is entirely too strong for them. They figured that another decisive defeat at this time when the fans of their city are returning to the fold would bring down the curtain on football for the remainder of the season.

But Flanigan has gone ahead after another big game. He is negotiating with a team in St. Paul that is recognized as one of the two strongest teams in the northwest this season. In fact, the team is booked to play the Minneapolis All-Stars on Thanksgiving, always the biggest professional game in that section. Each year it was the custom for the Marines and the All-Stars to hook up in this classic and a crowd of from 10,000 to 15,000 was the result. The All-Stars come together once each season just for the single game. This fact alone means that the St. Paul team is one of the best in the country because the battles between the All-Stars and the Marines were always bitterly fought with the Marines sometimes on the short end of the score. It so happens that this team has not lost a game this season, the lowest score it has made being 21 to 0.

DEADLINE DATE SET BY LEAGUE TO BUY PLAYERS

Weaker Clubs to Be Prohibited From Selling Players to Pennant Winners.

Chicago, Nov. 13.—Serious effort will be made at the annual meeting of the National League early next month to curb a practice which reached its height last season and threatens to become worse unless restricted. It is that of weaker clubs selling players to the stronger in the latter part of the season when two or three owners are willing to pay almost any price to strengthen up for the home stretch. Manager Moran of the world's champion Reds has complained bitterly against the unwillingness of the other National league club owners to let go of any players to help out Cincinnati when it was crippled for lack of an outfielder, but there seemed to be no unwillingness to sell or trade pitchers to the Giants when they were going badly.

Tried to Get Paskert.
In this connection President Veeck of the Cubs pointed out during the world's series that if the Reds won it they owed a vote of thanks to the Chicago club. When Moran was playing Bressler in the outfield and frantically trying to buy an experienced man for the job, he tried hard to get Paskert from the Cubs, but Mitchell would not dispose of the veteran without a player in return and Cincinnati had nothing to trade except coin.

If Moran had obtained Paskert from the Cubs he probably would not have unearthed Duncan, who played so brilliant a game in the world's series. In spite of the fact Paskert still has some good years in him, it is doubtful if he could have done as much as Duncan did toward annexing the big flag.

There is a strong sentiment in favor of adopting a rule that no National league owner shall sell or trade a player to another club in that circuit subsequent to a certain date. Some of the clubs are willing to fix it as early as July 1, while others favor a later "deadline."

The national commission's rules protect the world's series against any such jockeying by a rule that no player shall be eligible to the post season series unless under contract to his team prior to Sept. 1. There is nothing in the league's rules to prevent a club owner purchasing a flock of players to use in the last week of the championship race, provided some losing owner is willing to sell them. The proposed rule is designed to guard against any such possibility in the future and to restrict trades between clubs in the same league to the first half of each season.

ROCK ISLAND HIGH TO PLAY ROCKFORD

Rockford, Ill., Nov. 13.—Rockford high school has booked Rock Island high for its Thanksgiving day game here. Rockford's lightweights, northern conference champions, will seek a game with the champions of the Cook county league.

High schools of Peoria, Savanna, Galena, Mount Carroll, Lanark, Mount Morris, Sterling and Rock Falls have formed an athletic association to be known as the "little six."

RUBE GOLDBERG'S BOOBS—BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING.

By GOLDBERG



YOST'S ELEVEN INVADE ILLINI NEXT SATURDAY

Wolverines Have Never Lost a Football Game to Orange and Blue Team.

"Hurry-up" Yost and his Michigan football men, as they make ready to invade Champaign-Urbana next Saturday to give battle to Illinois before the "State day" throng that will rally from all over Illinois to back its state university warriors, undoubtedly find consolation in a survey of Michigan-Illinois gridiron records.

Similarly there is little cause for joy in the hearts of the thousands of backers of the state team, not only alumni but countless other citizens who realize that the Illinois represent them also, as they inspect the tablets of the past.

For the Maine and Blue of Michigan has always waved in triumph over the banners of Orange and Blue on the five occasions when the representatives of the two commonwealths clashed.

The first meeting was at Detroit in 1898 when Michigan won

12 to 5. "Happy" Adair saved the Illinois from a shutout by grabbing a fumble.

In 1899 the Wolverines invaded Illinois field and nosed out the Illini by a score of 5 to 0. The eleven met in 1900 on Stagg field in Chicago where Michigan scored two touchdowns the first half only to be held scoreless the rest of the game. It was in this game that Gerry Cochran of Princeton, then the Wolverine Coach, led the Michigan rooters in a cheer for Artie Hall, now a Danville lawyer, as the Illinois leader was carried from the field.

In 1905, Yost now at the helm, the men from Ann Arbor had little difficulty in winning 33 to 0 on Illinois field and next year at Ann Arbor, Yost's team won 28 to 6. Michigan then concluded it wouldn't play in the conference any more and Saturday's game is the first meeting of Illinois and Wolverines since 1905. There was much regret last fall that Illinois' well-oiled machine could not have encountered the Wolverines who said nasty things when the Illinois faculty refused permission.

The answer to the Illinois fan to this record is that it all happened in the dim and misty past before the days of Bob Zuppke. Any way the crowd, which will penetrate the Illinois field Saturday from all over the state will discover whether there is anything to tradition. Many from here intend to see the last game of the season at the state field.

SMALL AMOUNT OF ROUGHNESS SEEN IN PLAY

College Football Is Milder Rough Staff of Other Years—Clean Play Noted.

As the football season—one of the most successful in history—nears the close a striking feature worthy of comment is that in the important games there has been an absence of foul playing and anything bordering on unsportsmanlike conduct.

At the beginning of the season it was the general opinion of football men that the games would be marked by rough tactics because of the number of men who returned from the war service. It was pointed out these players had learned many foul tricks in the service and that some of them would be employed on the gridiron.

Just the reverse has been the case. The service men have played by far the cleanest football and the few penalties levied for unnecessary roughness were caused by players who did not take part in the battles in France. The players who saw service on the other side have played hard, aggressive football, but they have not used foul tricks.

It is true there have been numbers of 15 yard penalties, but in most cases they have been for holding, tripping, or use of the hands in interference. These 15 yard penalties were called in the Michigan-Chicago game for unnecessary roughness due in part to the aggressiveness of the players in tackling out of bounds or committing other fouls.

Coaches Enforce Rules.

A large portion of this clean play must be attributed to the coaches, who are doing their best to make their players perform within the rules. At Illinois Coach Zuppke has instructed his players who are ineligible to receive forward passes not to touch the ball. This does away with complications, as it is a rather hard matter for the officials to discern which are the eligible players when so many shams are employed. These variations make a tackle eligible on one play and ineligible on the next.

At some institutions the coaches make players run one mile for every yard they are penalized during a game. Frank Birch, the well known western official, called a foul on a Syracuse player two years ago and the offender pleaded with him to rescind his action. When Birch asked him why he should not be punished he said he would have to run 15 miles the next week for committing the offense.

At Ann Arbor Coach Yost uses the "Go get 'em" tactics, but he does not teach his players underhanded methods. Michigan football men always have been known for their fighting qualities and they play hard. Coach Stagg at Chicago believes in hard play, but never teaches his men how to willfully injure an opponent.

Iowa is represented by one of the cleanest playing teams on a western gridiron. Coach Howard Jones does not believe in dirty football and he will not tolerate a football player who believes in it. Notre Dame has been playing clean football of late and this is one of the reasons why the South Bend institution is able to schedule games with leading western universities. Practically the same spirit of clean, aggressive play prevails at all the institutions, as it is the most profitable in the long run.

Talk of Post-Season Games.

With the season drawing to a close, the annual talk of post-season games has started. There unquestionably will be a number of such contests, as the sectional titles give every promise of being more complicated than any at recent years. West Virginia and West Virginia Wesleyan already have slated a post-season game for Nov. 22.

Negotiations between Coach Rockne of Notre Dame and Andy Smith of the University of Cal-

ifornia for a post-season game on the coast have been opened. Last season the game was practically arranged, but when both teams lost so many star players who were called into service, the contest was called off.

Clean Slate So Far.

If Notre Dame goes west it can do so as a representative team of this section. The Hoosier eleven has not lost a game this season and as it only has to play the Michigan Aggies, Purdue, and Morning-side college, there is little likelihood of its meeting with defeat.

Notre Dame has beaten Nebraska, Indiana and the Army, and is as strong an aggregation as there is in the west.

Early in the season Coach Rockne asserted the trip would hinge on the showing his team made during the season. The eleven has shown gradual improvement with the playing of every game and there is every reason to believe it could perform up to expectations on the coast, providing it was taken west in time to get acclimated.

In former years, eastern teams have gone west without giving the climate a thought. The change resulted in the defeats of Brown and Pennsylvania, which tired badly in the last two quarters. However, there is a question whether they could have beaten the western teams if they had a week or so to prepare on the coast.

The victory of the Great Lakes over Mare Island last year at the annual Tournament of Roses game at Pasadena was due to the fact the sailors went west in plenty of time to become acclimated. They were on the ground a week in advance of the game. The first day the players reported for practice, their wind was so bad they could scarcely run the length of the gridiron. The daily practice, however, fitted them for the battle, which was played on a cool day.

"Big Ten" Bars Games.

Western conference rules prohibit post-season games and fans will have to draw their own conclusions as to the best teams in the "Big Ten." Illinois and Ohio State have the best chances to win the title. The Buckeyes will be entitled to the honor if they win from Wisconsin and Illinois, while the downstate stars must be awarded the plum, if they beat Michigan and Ohio State.

STAGG TO HAVE FULL POWER IN HAWKEYE GAME

Chicago, Nov. 13.—The hopes of the Midway for a good showing against the dangerous Iowa team in the Saturday game went up four notches yesterday, one notch each for Jackson, McGuire, Annan and Tatge, cripples who have been of little use to Coach Stagg for several weeks.

All of the four ailing ones were scratched from the bluntness list, and were hustled into scrimmage, and after one hour of hard battling with the freshmen, came out without a scratch. The varsity held the yearling attack to a minimum of yardage and the fresh backs, imitating Lohman, Parker and Aubrey Devine, were thrown for heavy losses on Coach Jones' plays. The presence of McGuire and Jackson gave the Maroons the strongest line they have had this year.

Tatge shows poppet. Annan and Tatge, varsity backs who have been ailing for two weeks, stuck through the hour of scrimmage and tore off many long gains. "Tot" Tatge ripped off three 40-yard runs from the quarterback position, and tore through the freshman line at will.

There are only two men on the entire squad who are not in good shape, and these men are both ends—"Beano" McDonald and Frits Crisler. Both were hurt in the Michigan game, and because their injuries are not improving as fast as was expected Coach Stagg may have to depend on Hinkle and Foché to defend his flanks against the feared Aubrey Devine.

Chance Cole Will Play.

Pheney, who played the entire Michigan game at guard, is showing such revived spirit he may replace Stegeman or Swenson, one of whom must also be crowded out to make room for McGuire.

COACHES DRIVE IOWA GRIDDERS FOR LONG DRILL

Hawkeyes Practice Until After Dark Preparing for Battle With Chicago Maroons.

Iowa City, Ia., Nov. 13.—Despite a frozen field and a near zero wind, Coach Jones and Ashmore drove their Iowa charges through a long signed practice last night until it was too dark to follow the ball.

After the workout on the field three varsity and freshman teams were taken into the armory, where the yearlings and regulars hooked up in a scrimmage. The first year team was given the ball and ordered to try some Maroon plays against the varsity line.

Hunselman occupied left guard on the varsity again and it begins to look as if he will be given a chance against Stagg's men. Hunselman was all-western guard last year, but was handicapped this fall because of his later return to Iowa City.

Jones devoted much of his time indoors to working with the line, while the backfield men watched every play in detail.

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HIGH BATTLERS HOLD PRACTICE IN BITTER COLD


Iowans Perfecting New Plays for Game With Davenport Saturday.

BY "FISHER PETER."
In spite of the bitter cold weather, the Iowans assembled on the icy turf of Reservoir park and went through a long tackling practice, probably the last before the Davenport game Saturday. Later, the near frozen athletes journeyed down to the high school and ended up the evening with a long signal drill in the gym.

Another brand new play was tried out last night for the first time and it worked like a charm. Coach Kimmel, who has been away from school so far this week because of illness, will not know his squad when he gets back. Quite a few new and fuzzy plays have been tried out and the team will go into the game next Saturday stronger than it ever was at any time this year.

There are rumors afloat that Olsen, fastest halfback on the team, will be in the lineup on Saturday. Olsen, who is a last year's man, cracked a rib in the Moline game and has not been able to practice for the last two weeks. If he does play Saturday the locals will be strengthened a great deal, as his plunges and runs around end are always good for gains.

Rock Island high school will play Rockford at Rockford on Thanksgiving day, it was learned yesterday. Manager Clark has been dickering with several schools for Thanksgiving day, but it was only lately that the game was certain. This completes the local schedule. After Saturday's game with Davenport, Rock Island will play Monmouth at Monmouth on the following Saturday and Rockford at Rockford on Thanksgiving. Saturday will be the last time for the local fans to see the team in action.



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